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(c) & (d) Yes. Mr. E. T. H. Stevenson, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Eastern Range, and Criminal Investigation Department, has been given the training.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government did not think that Indian officers knowing Indian conditions would be more suited than Europeans for Criminal Investigation Department work ? "

The hon the President :—" It is asking for an opinion."

Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Having regard to the importance of having a training in Scotland Yard, will not Government take into consideration the desirability of sending some higher officers in the department for training in Scotland Yard, in addition of course to Mr. Stevenson who has been trained already ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" The training in Scotland Yard is given for a couple of months at a time, generally in May and June. Till now the Government have not sent or deputed anybody for the purpose of undergoing this training. They have utilized those officers who are in England about that time and have asked them to undergo the course, reference of course being made to their suitability for the purpose of that training. But the matter referred to by the hon. Member will be borne in mind."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" What is the special difficulty of the hon. the Law Member in deputing Indian officers for training in Scotland Yard ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Expense."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Local Boards

Grants to Sri Sarada Niketanam, Guntur.

1630 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Sri Sarada Niketanam, Guntur, is a residential institution for girls to promote the higher education of girls, both literary and vocational ;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the decision of the municipalities of Guntur, Bezwada and Ellore, the District Boards of Kistna, West Godavari and Vizagapatam and the Taluk Boards of Divi and Gannavaram to make grants to the Sri Sarada Niketanam or the Women's Home of Service, Guntur ;

(c) whether the said local bodies have applied to the Local Government for their approval of that sanction of such grants ;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, when ;

(e) whether they are going to give effect to the G.O. No. 2241, L. & M., dated 16th June 1927, enabling the local bodies to give grants to unrecognized institutions conducted on national lines ; and

(f) whether the hon. the Minister would expedite the matter ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Applications for sanction to contribute to the institution were received from the local bodies noted below, on the dates shown against each. There are no taluk boards by the name of Divi and Gannavaram :—

Guntur Municipal Council	...	24th July 1927.
Bezwada Municipal Council	...	27th July 1927.
West Godavari District Board	...	7th September 1927.
Vizagapatam District Board	...	5th October 1927.

(*e*) The case of each institution will be considered on its merits.

(*f*) The Government have sanctioned the applications referred to above subject to certain conditions.

Depressed Classes

Educational concessions to depressed classes.

1631 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government will place on the table a list of the scholarships, free boardings and remissions of school-fees granted to the depressed classes after the present Labour Commissioner has taken charge, giving details of the caste and religion of the donees?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to pages 442–452 and 505–511 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th August 1927 and 18th October 1927, which give lists of scholarship and fee-remissions. If he wants further particulars in any case, the Government will consider whether to call for them, but they do not think it necessary to amplify these lists generally, or to reprint them for the Council table.

Inams

Sri Arunachaleswarar temple at Tiruvannamalai.

1632 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government remitted the tax on the lands belonging to Sri Arunachaleswarar temple at Tiruvannamalai, the pattas for the same standing in the name of Venugopalaswami of the same temple ;

(*b*) whether the said Sri Arunachaleswarar temple gets any mohini or pecuniary assistance from the Government ;

(*c*) whether the above concessions have been granted on condition that the authorities of the said Sri Arunachaleswarar temple should observe the rights and privileges of all castes of Hindus ;

(*d*) whether the Government can withdraw the concessions granted to the said Sri Arunachaleswarar temple, if the temple authorities violate the privileges of a large section of Hindus, i.e., Adi-Dravidas ;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that this year the procession of Sri Arunachaleswarar was not stopped for worship by the Adi-Dravidas at Sri Nanda Vinayakar Mandapam, Tiruvannamalai ; and

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(*f*) whether the Government propose to take any action against the temple authorities of Sri Arunachaleswarar temple for the indignity dealt to their loyal subjects, the whole Adi-Dravida community ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The information has been called for.

(*d*) Whether an inam grant can be resumed or not and on what grounds depends on the conditions of its grant, a point on which in the present case information has been called for with reference to the question in clause (*c*).

(*e*) The Government are not aware of the circumstances alleged.

(*f*) The Government do not adjudicate on claims to religious privileges.

Land Assignment

Records of the registration of house-sites in Adi-Dravida cheris.

1633 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether records of the registration of house-sites in Adi-Dravida cheris find place in Mr. Crole's settlement and the paimash accounts ;

(*b*) whether these records are open to inspection on application ;

(*c*) whether copies will be granted if applied for ;

(*d*) whether any cases have come to the notice of the Government in which on the strength of certain family documents produced by caste Hindus, Adi-Dravidas have been ejected from the sites occupied by them hereditarily without reference to the entries in the abovementioned records ; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to legislate that the original jari or assignment should be ordered to be produced in such suits ?

A.—(*a*) Enquiry will be made if the hon. Member will specify what settlement or what district he refers to.

(*b*) & (*c*) The rules relating to the inspection of public documents and the grant of copies of them are contained in Standing Order No. 173, sections (i) and (ii), of Board's Standing Orders, Volume I, a copy of which is in the Council Library.

(*d*) The Government are not aware of such cases.

(*e*) The Civil Procedure Code contains provisions enabling a party to a suit to call for and secure production of the documents necessary for establishing his claim. The Government do not know of any reason to suppose that those provisions are inadequate for this purpose.

Land Revenue

Remission of taxes in two villages in Chidambaram taluk.

1634 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the irrigation channel of Vadakkumangudi and Vallampadugai villages, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district, was destroyed by the Coleroon river so long ago as the year 1921 ;

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(*b*) whether there were many petitions by the caste Hindu and Adi-Dravida ryots to the effect that the temporary arrangement is absolutely useless and that a regular irrigation source should be provided;

(*c*) whether the District Collector promised to provide a regular source of irrigation as requested by the ryots in the year 1924;

(*d*) whether any action has been taken to provide for the irrigation of the said villages;

(*e*) whether some lands of the above villages have been lying completely waste, not through any neglect of the ryots, but through the neglect of the local authorities;

(*f*) whether petitions have been put in to grant remission of taxes for the same;

(*g*) whether the Tahsildar and the Deputy Collector have visited the lands for which remission of revenue has been claimed;

(*h*) whether the collection of revenue has been stopped pending such inspection as mentioned above;

(*i*) whether any circular order has been issued to the village officers to enforce the collection of revenue irrespective of all genuine causes;

(*j*) whether any communications have been issued to the Revenue Inspectors not to recommend any cases for remission of land revenue; and

(*k*) whether demand notices have been issued for the collection of revenue even in such cases in which remission petitions have been put in, without the officers' inspecting such lands?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*k*) The Government have no information regarding the case referred to: nor have any representations been made to the Government by those interested in the matter.

Irrigation

Collection of fees on sand removed by the public.

1635 *Q.*—M. Abdul Wahab Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of a fee that is being now collected on sand removed by the public of the Godavari district for their domestic purposes, and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for such a levy without previous intimation to the public concerned?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Irrigable lands under the Badvel tank.

1636 *Q.*—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the big tank of Badvel, Cuddapah district, was classified at the time of the last but one settlement as a tank capable of supplying water for eighteen months;

(*b*) whether it is classified as a tank capable of supplying water for twelve months in the last settlement;

(*c*) if so, what are the circumstances under which it is so classified;

(*d*) whether it was because the tank got silted up;

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(e) whether at the last settlement the rates of land-tax leviable on the lands under that tank was raised by 25 per cent over the previous rates in spite of the fact that the capacity of the tank was considerably reduced ;

(f) whether there were any attempts made since the last settlement to restore the tank to its original capacity ;

(g) if so, with what result ;

(h) what is the amount spent on the tank for its repairs during the last fourteen years ;

(i) whether it is a fact that the tank has only one source of supply which is called the "Amudalayeru" ;

(j) whether it is a fact that a fresh ayacut of 80 acres of irrigable wet was formed higher up this "Amudalayeru" after the last settlement about the year 1912 by constructing an anicut across ;

(k) whether the said "Amudalayeru" served as a feeder to any other tanks before emptying itself in the Badvel big tank ;

(l) if so, when this arrangement was made ;

(m) whether it is a fact that out of the last fourteen years, the tank received insufficient water-supply for seven years and as a consequence about Rs. 38,000 and odd were granted as remissions for holdings under the tank ;

(n) what is the amount of fasljasti that is ordinarily collected in normal years for the lands under the tank, inams being included ;

(o) whether any, and if so, what amount of fasljasti was collected during the seven years during which no remission was granted ;

(p) what is the extent of irrigable dry under the tank ;

(q) for how many years past such irrigable dry lands are being irrigated by the tank water ; and

(r) whether there is any and what extent of land under the same tank which is available for irrigation besides the ayacut now commanded by the tank ?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) & (d) Uncertainty of supply.

(e) The rates of assessment for wet lands under second-class sources of irrigation fixed at the settlement and the rates fixed at the resettlement are given below :—

Class and sort.	At settlement.		At resettlement.	
	RS.	A.	RS.	A.
IV-1	9	0	9	0
2	7	0	8	0
3	5	0	7	0
VI-1	7	0	6	0
2	5	0	4	8
VII-1	6	0	7	0
2	4	8	6	0
3	3	8	4	8
VIII-2	3	8	4	8
3	2	8	3	8

(f) to (r) A report has been called for.

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